

Goals for Learning Writing Skills: Kindergarten

Ideas and Their Organization

1. Given a series of pictures, orally retell a story or sequence of events in order.
2. Orally give a sequence of directions for a common activity.

Vocabulary: Word Choice and Word Use

1. Use prepositions showing spatial relationships (under, over).
2. Name body parts.
3. Name colors.
4. Name common objects and parts of objects.
5. Name the months of the year and days of the week.
6. Follow instructional language of the classroom.
7. Identify opposites.

Sentences: Grammar and Conventional Usage

1. Use the correct form of irregular verbs such as go (went), have (had, has), do (did), think (thought), take (took).
2. Use the correct article with a noun (a, an, the)
3. Speak in complete sentences.
4. Use verbs that agree with nouns (he doesn't).
5. Use comparative and superlative forms with common adverbs and adjectives.
6. Use personal pronouns in compounds (Dad and I went to the park; he enjoyed it. The ball belongs to him and me.).

Sentences: Punctuation

1. Use a period at the end of a statement.
2. Use an apostrophe in a common contraction (I'm, don't).

Sentences: Capitalization

1. Capitalize "I" and the first letter of one's name.
2. Differentiate between upper and lower case letters.

Alphabetics and Handwriting

1. Recite the alphabet in order.
2. Name upper and lower case letters.
3. Match upper and lower case letters.
4. Copy the alphabet sequence with 3-D letters.
5. Copy the alphabet, upper and lower case, on lined paper.
6. Write any letter to dictation.
7. Copy simple sentences accurately.

Spelling

1. Segment simple words with two and three phonemes.
2. Write a conventional grapheme for each speech sound in English.
3. Write regular, closed syllables with two and three phonemes, using high probability sound-letter correspondences.
4. Write unknown words with typical inventive spellings showing awareness of most speech sounds (“illustrated by— ilashtradid bi).
5. Write common irregular words from the 50 most often used words in English.
6. Use spelling knowledge in writing short compositions.